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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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TITLE: Zinc Finger Domain Recognition
Code and Uses Thereof

GROUP ART UNIT: 1639

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:


In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated December 17, 2003 requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-10, drawn to a method of preparing an artificial transcription factor (ATF). Applicants also elect species A. screening a subset and B.1. Transcriptional activator. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants reserve their statutory right under §121 to prosecute the subject matter of the non-elected inventions in a timely-filed application.

Applicants believe no fee is required with this submission. However, if a fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required under 37 CFR §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-1744 in the name of Syngenta Biotechnology, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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